

Jonathan Collins House
South Pamet Road
Truro
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JONATHAN COLLINS HOUSE

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Location: South Pamet Rad, Truro, Barnstable County,
Massachusetts.

Owner: Miss Lida M. Ebbert.
20 Harvard Road, Linden, New Jersey.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The Jonathan Collins House is a one-and-a-half-story Cape Cod "house-and-a-half" with a west ell. It is wooden, covered with wooden shingles and faces north, although it may have originally faced south.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Rectangular, 26' x 28', Cape Cod one-and-a-half stories, with a west ell.
2. Foundations: Brick.
3. Wall construction: The walls are plank with exterior wooden shingles and interior plaster. The frame is post and beam.
4. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The house has a main front door to the north, one to the south and one to the north wall of the west ell. They have six panels and four-light transoms.
 - b. Windows: The windows are nine-over-six-light double-hung sash. Some are original, and some have been reconstructed.
 - c. Shutters: Wooden shutters are on the exterior.
5. Roof:
 - a. Shape and covering: The gable roof has wooden shingles and overhanging ends.
 - b. Cornice: Simple box wooden cornice.
 - c. End trusses: The end trusses appear to be hewn. The intermediate trusses are sawn with 3/4" reeded edges.

6. Chimneys: Two center chimneys, one over the center of the main structure and one at the west end of its west ell.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan:

- a. Basement: Under the west ell there is a basement and a garage. Under the east half of the house there is a circular stone Cape Cod cellar.
- b. First floor: The first floor of the main building has two small bedrooms, a large living room and a bath. The west ell has a modern dining room. The kitchen and sun porch are in the west ell.
- c. Second floor: The second floor has two modern bedrooms and a bath.

2. Flooring: There is modern wooden flooring throughout the house except in the second floor west bedroom, where the original random width planks are exposed.

3. Wall and ceiling: The walls and ceilings are plastered.

- a. Wainscoting, modeled after an original sample found in the house is in all of the main rooms and rises to chair rail height.
- b. Moldings: There are cornice moldings modeled after samples of the original work remaining in the house.

4. Stairways: There is one stairway from the center north door to the center of the second floor.

5. Trim: The trim is painted wood, reconstructed to be typical of Cape Cod. All of the mantels are reconstructed.

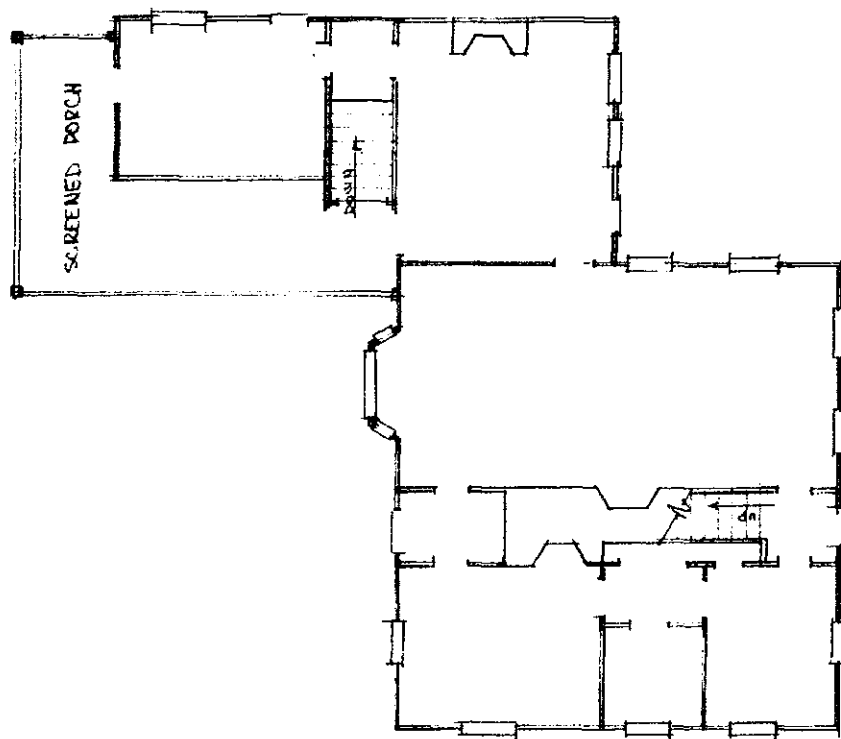
6. Hardware: The doors all have iron lift latches.

7. Lighting: The house has modern electric lamps.

8. Heating: There is central heating, and all of the fireplaces are open.

Site: The house faces the north, with one small fence to the east. There is a grass drive to the north of the house, which is surrounded by residential lawns and gardens.

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NO SCALE